




Rotary 
Club of Tamworth First Light
MEETING 1684, ISSUE 29
WEDNESDAY 17th January 2023



Rotary Year 2023 - 2024

District Governor	Alyn Miranda
President:	Brian Logan
Secretary:	Liz Gill
Treasurer:	Dennis Maunder

The Life of Brian

Quote of the week

Your decisions don't have to change the world for them to be important.

Joke of the week

I said to the Gym instructor "Can you teach me to do the splits?" He said, "How flexible are you?" I said, "I can't make Tuesdays."

My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.

Guest speaker

No guest speaker as this was our breakfast in the park for our first meeting of the year. And what a wonderful morning it was. It's a great way to start the year and catch up with friends.

Thanks to all that attended and those that helped out with the breakfast duties.

Notices:

- Charlotte Moore gave us an update on the Santa Crawl on the 18th December 2023. A real success for the club.
- Marina Hearne updated us on our exchange student. Is he practicing for a guest appearance on 'Getaway'?
- Glen McIntosh gave us a heads up on the Science and Engineering challenge for 2024
- Peter Johnston requested assistance with marshalling for the CM Festival Cavalcade.
- Remember, SUBS are due.

SANTA CRAWL WRAP-UP

The Santa crawl was held on 22.12.2023, and was a huge success. Overall approx 750 registered crawlers, with ticket sales and donations collected on the night making this a fun and profitable event. Huge thanks to all that were involved!





CONNECTING WITH BRICKS- VOLUNTEER REQUEST



Menu

Connecting With Bricks Inc

**Presents ANDREW & DAMIAN
from Lego Masters**

- LEGO® based interactive Workshops

Limited Tickets



Connecting with Bricks is bringing LEGO® Masters to Tamworth, and looking for volunteers to assist with this event.

Date: 20th, 21st, 22nd January 2024

Time: Daily from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Venue: UNE (University of New England), Peel House Location: 24 Fitzroy Street, Tamworth

Connecting with Bricks aims to strengthen community connection, enrich family wellbeing and individual education and well-being, through Lego Building facilitation. We believe in reinforcing the educational principles of STEM and critical thinking, with that of social development and creative experience.

We are Raising Money:

- To Create Community LEGO® Brick Pits
- For Rural School, Libraries & Community Groups
- To Access LEGO® based STEM Learning Activities

Volunteers are needed to be a part of our upcoming event that promises an unforgettable LEGO® experience for the whole family- it's also a chance to witness the Magic of LEGO® come alive! You'll have the opportunity to:

Meet Andrew & Damian: Renowned figures from Lego Masters will be there in person, and you'll have the chance to hang out with them!

LEGO® Interactive Workshops: Hosted by Andrew and Damian, these interactive workshops will unleash your creativity and challenge builders of all levels.

LEGO® Community Displays: Marvel at the incredible creations by local LEGO® enthusiasts—inspiration awaits!

LEGO® Life-Sized Gibson Guitar: Capture unforgettable moments with this iconic custom built LEGO® piece and more captivating attractions.

Special Music Legend Guest Appearances from Country Music Icons

As a volunteer, you'll receive FREE Tea/Coffee and Water, indoor air conditioning, and a lego truckers hat, and entry tickets to allow you to share the Lego experience with friends or family (LEGO® DISPLAY Section -2A2C or 1A3C)

Opportunity to meet Andrew & Damian in person (they are lego masters!)

Please consider saving the date, and volunteering where you can – Signing up is easy and takes only 5 minutes.

Click here to Volunteer and become a part of this magical event.

<https://signup.zone/connecting-with-bricks>

Connecting With Bricks Founders:

Tania & Kobi Longworth



CAVALCADE TCMF 2024

The people have spoken and they want to see who volunteered and what they've go do on the day of the TCMF Cavalcade.

Current volunteers are:

Peter Johnston, Brian Logan, Laurie Hearne, Steve Martin, Glenn McIntosh, Brett White, Dennis Maunder, Richard Walker – Thank you!

More volunteers welcome – please consider!

Role Title	Role Description
Cavalcade Marshalls x 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting at 7am on the corner of Peet St and Bourke St, (led by Peter Johnston).• Supported by TRC Staffers and Security Guards (led by TRC Michaela Stevens).• Wearing TRC supplied hi-vis vests and attending a TRC Marshalling briefing.• Working in one of three pairs of Rotary volunteers as Cavalcade Marshalls:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greeting individually numbered cavalcade participants (artists)- Directing participants where and in which numbered order to line up- Checking that the registered vehicle driver is <u>actually</u> the person driving- Signalling exactly when and in what order each participant is to set off• Cavalcade Marshall will <u>not</u> be walking beside participants cars on the route.
Event Background Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A smaller event than usual. Historically 80 registered participants, just 40 artists have registered for 2024.- No trucks, flatbacks or semi-trailers will be used in the cavalcade for safety reasons, just open topped cars.- TRC will have pre-marked the numbered cavalcade participants gathering spots and have them signed too.- TRC will provide a small fridge (in the offices of ViaTech) full of free drinks for volunteers to consume.- TRC will provide a small financial donation to RCTFL in gratitude.	

THE SWINGER'S CLUB

December 20th 2023-January 09/01/24

Let's start with The Magic Moment!

Pete and Bev had a great day at Golf, both scoring exceptionally well to put us very high upon the score sheet. Dianne joined in, to play the first nine with us, but not competing.

But **The Magic Moment** was that we had the "Polish Boy" Marciej, (AKA Magic Mike) who came along for the entire 18 hole trip swinging clubs and hitting balls all the way! Great company and he didn't seem to be worried about keeping company with the oldies!

Lesson 1 with Pete - "get the swing right!"

Well he certainly connected with the ball on "t" off sending it at record speed, pretty much on each fairway.

Magic was having trouble trying to stop himself lifting his head when hitting the ball. As all golfers know this has to be cured if you want your game to improve.

Pete is going to explain to Magic a remedy for that, guaranteed to cure the problem! something to do with your lip and a fish hook, not quite sure of the application. Results available next edition

Moving right along...

Lesson 2- "Don't knocking the skin off the ball" but rather, get your swing and timing right!

As all "**new to the game golfers**" Magic was in the trees, the bunkers, and the bushes looking for lost balls! Well what can I say! He did eventually find the ball !!



Lesson 3 - On with the game...

The weather was not being particularly kind to us to start off the game and by the end we certainly felt the strain. It was Magic who was showing the worse for ware and we kindly let him know, *"this is nothing compared to a hot day at Uluru"* definitely made his day.

Especially when he had to vacate the cart and walk the second 9!

NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T!



MAGIG is now on "Shanksus Pony!", (you can take that one home Magic!) - Set up with a cold neck cooler and an Umbrella.....its on with the game!



Good thing for ball hunters it was *"The Snakes Day Off!"*

This Golfing game is not all about Polish Boys though, allow me to introduce Bruce!

I found Bruce wandering alone in the trees.

"Bruce" what's up?" I said

you guessed it "A lost tiny little ball used in Golf"

All hands on deck and it wasn't long before Bruce was back into the game!



Our Vicki can certainly get herself into some situations. Seen here is Pete working feverishly to rectifying Vicki's failed attempts to get the ball out of the Bunker leaving massive holes in its place.

The Game must go on and it did !

Following right along was another odd stance captured when Vicki so determined to sink the ball was not about to change her stance for anything!

Straddling the "Nearest to The Hole Marker" one did wonder!!

Wayne Turner looks on with a questioning- expression.

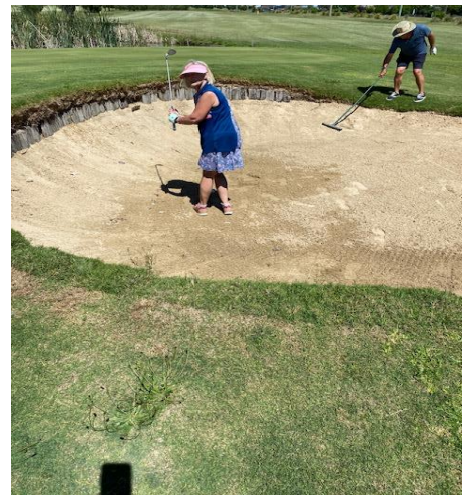
Pete grabs his Camera and I think "great another shot for the Bulletin!

Nothing like mateship!


THE GAME MUST GO ON AND SO IT DID.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK FROM THE GREEN!

-Bev Fletcher



FUNNY CORNER-

 **Dad Jokes** ✓
@Dadsaysjokes

I can tolerate algebra, maybe even a little calculus...

...but graphing is where I draw the line.



Golf too easy? Try playing expert level.



A box of 'GOLF Golf Balls' with a camouflage pattern and three individual camouflage-patterned golf balls.

 **Dad Jokes** ✓
@Dadsaysjokes

For her Christmas present, I took my wife to an orchard and we stood there looking at the trees for half an hour.

Not the Apple Watch she was expecting apparently.





Dad Jokes ✓
@Dadsaysjokes

I tried shipping a Bon Jovi album to my cousin for Christmas but it hasn't been delivered.

The tracking report keeps saying "oh, it's halfway there".









Her: You spent our entire life savings on dogs

Me: They're golden retrievers, Karen. They retrieve gold. I did it for us



Rotary Events Calendar	Date
▪ Sergeant's Dinner	▪ Coming SOON!!!
▪ Clean Up Australia Day	▪ March 3 rd 2024, 0830hrs
▪ RI Convention Singapore	▪ 25-29 May 2024
▪ District 9660 Conference	▪ 15-17 March 2024
▪ RC Tamworth First Light Changeover Dinner	▪ Sat 15.06.2024
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Social Calendar	Date
• Post Office Raffles Social Night	• 3 rd Friday of the Month (19.01.2024)
• RCTFL Christmas lunch party	• Sunday 10/12/22, 11:30am - TCBC

Useful links (click to open!)	
•  Tamworth First Light Website	•  RCTFL Facebook page
•  District 9660 Website	•  Rotary District 9660 Members Page
•  Rotary International Website	•  Rotary District 9660 Public Facebook
•  DACDB Member and Club Portal	

Board Members 2023-24	
President – Brian Logan	Secretary – Liz Gill
Treasurer – Dennis Maunder	Executive Secretary – Brodie Shields
Club Admin – Courtney Priestley	Membership – Bev Fletcher
Public Relations – Alice Elsley	Community Service – Peter Johnston
Youth – Hannah Woods	Rotary Foundation – Bruce Hemmett
Youth Protection – Bruce Hemmett	President Elect – Sue O'Connor
Board Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the Month- Tuesday 12.12.2023, 5.30pm, Wests.	

	17 th Jan	24 th Jan	31 st Jan	7 th Feb
Topic	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Location	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club	Tamworth City Bowling Club
Guest speaker	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sergeant	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree	Mitch Soree
Corporals	Diane Petersen Paul Stevenson	Aurelie Quade Hannah Woods	Naomi Blakey Vicki Cooper	Peter Bell Barry Biffin
Meeter & Greeter	Courtney Priestley	Peter Bell	Alice Elsley	Graham Dooley
Door Team	Malcolm Turnbull Helen Tickle	Stephen Hawkins Laurence Hearne	Bev Fletcher Marina Hearne	Bruce Hemmett Peter Johnston
President Assist	Michael Smith	Barry Biffin	Bruce Hemmett	Peter Leonard
Visitor Assist	Barry Biffin	Vicki Cooper	Peter Leonard	Laurence Hearne
Welcome	Vicki Cooper	Naomi Blakey	Glenn McIntosh	Brian Thompson
Bulletin Notes & Introduction	Richard Hardwick	Marina Hearne	Diane Petterson	Richard Walker
Vote of Thanks	Louise Matthews	Diane Petterson	High Raadgever	Brett White

*Denotes a change. Roster roles are randomly assigned. If you cannot commit to a rostered duty for your club, please speak to your fellow Rotarians to arrange a replacement and let Mitch know. Look for the easter eggs in this bulletin, and tell me what you find.

POST OFFICE RAFFLE – FRIDAYS - 6:00 – 7:00PM				
19 th Jan	26 th Jan	2 nd Feb	9 th Feb	16 th Feb
Aurelie Quade Diane Petersen	TCMF No Raffle	Diane Petersen *Bev Fletcher	*Bev Fletcher Peter Bell	Peter Bell Peter Leonard

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	Aurelie Quade 18/1
Partners Birthdays	Nil
Anniversaries	Ian and Leigh Howle 53yrs
Club Induction	Nil

Attendance	%	Lolly Jar Raffle	N/A
Make-Ups	Nil	Heads and Tails	N/A
Visiting Rotarians			
Visitors			